

33. The isolated protein of claim 32, wherein the affinity tag is selected from the group consisting of: poly-histidine tract, protein A, glutathione S transferase, Glu-Glu affinity tag, substance P, Flag peptide, streptavidin binding peptide, maltose-binding protein, and an immunoglobulin domain.

34. A composition, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a protein that comprises:

(a) a B chain that comprises amino acid residue 26 to amino acid residue 52 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(b) an A chain that comprises amino acid residue 119 to amino acid residue 142 of SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein the B chain and A chain are joined by inter- and intra-chain disulfide bonds.

35. The composition of claim 34, wherein the protein further comprises an affinity tag.

36. The composition of claim 35, wherein the affinity tag is selected from the group consisting of: poly-histidine tract, protein A, glutathione S transferase, Glu-Glu affinity tag, substance P, Flag peptide, streptavidin binding peptide, maltose-binding protein, and an immunoglobulin domain.--

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